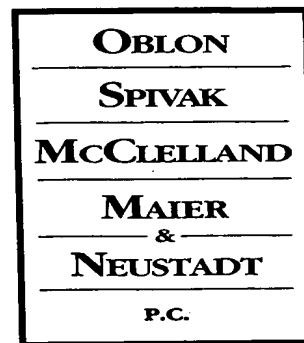


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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/697,554
Applicants: Akihiro YAMADA
Filing Date: October 26, 2000
For: GAME MACHINE SYSTEM WITH SERVER
DEVICE, DISPLAY DEVICE, AND GAME
EXECUTING DEVICE CONNECTED BY
EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION LINE...
Group Art Unit: 3714
Examiner: Coburn, C.B.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Our check in the amount of is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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The "examiner's statement of reasons for allowance," included under the heading "Allowable Subject Matter," on page 2 attached to the "Notice of Allowability" (PTOL-37) that is in turn attached to the "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due" mailed March 22, 2005, is mistaken in asserting that the subject matter of allowed independent Claims 19 and 23 requires a means for receiving a game selection request via a communication media separate from the completely external digital communication line and means for transmitting the specified game indicated by the game selection command.

Accordingly, the examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, included under the heading "Allowable Subject Matter," on page 2 attached to the "Notice of Allowability" (PTOL-37) that is in turn attached to the "Notice of Allowance and Fee(s)

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Due" mailed March 22, 2005, is clearly in error at least as to the subject matter of independent Claims 19 and 23 and should be withdrawn.

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